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## UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE

### **PORTER INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing four firearms. Today's indictment is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

**Daniel W. Porter**, 41, of Independence, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of four firearms.

The federal indictment alleges that **Porter** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson Sigma .30-caliber handgun, a Mossberg 410-gauge shotgun, a Smith and Wesson .40 caliber pistol and a Smith and Wesson .44-caliber revolver between May 28, 2004, and May 30, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Porter** has a 2004 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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